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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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The documents were:

a. A fragment of an envelope, mailed by F.V. Ivanichkin of Unit [REDACTED] 25X1C Osipovich, Mogilev Oblast.

25X1C b. An envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED] "A", postmarked 4 January 1950.

25X1C c. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED], postmarked 18 December 1949, and examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1C d. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED], postmarked 27 February 1950, and examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] 25X1C (indistinct).

25X1C e. A fragment of a sheet of paper with a poem on one side and two addresses of soldiers of [REDACTED] on the other side.

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2. Local residents said that about 2,000 recruits marched out of the Artillerie Kaserne and the Schuetzen Kaserne, allegedly to be sworn in, in the middle of March 1950. A lieutenant and 200 troops in groups of about thirty men were seen at combat practice in the training area 1 km north of the Artillerie Kaserne on 3 April 1950. About fifty soldiers were instructed while sitting in a communication trench (2).

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3. Documents bearing [REDACTED] were found about 150 meters west of the Schuetzen Kaserne on 4 April 1950. (1) The documents were:

a. An unmailed postcard bearing an address in the U.S.S.R., written by a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]

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b. A letter addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED], dated 15 February 1950.

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c. A fragment of a letter addressed to an unidentified person of [REDACTED], dated 22 February 1950.

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4. At the former Ardelt plant an envelope bearing [REDACTED] and a letter were found in front of officers' billets on Boldtstrasse on 12 April 1950 (1). The letter was from a soldier, presumably from Siberia, to another soldier, dated 18 March 1950. It contained in part:

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"This is my last army letter. The documents are ready for us, and we expect our shipment home every day. I hope to be at home in May."

The documents referred to are possibly discharge papers.

The following motor vehicles were identified at

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the Adelt Plant on 12 April 1950:



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A general entered the main building at 10 p.m. on that day (3).

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5. An envelope bearing [redacted] was found on the northern border of the Schuetzen Kaserne on 14 April 1950. (1) The envelope was addressed to a soldier of [redacted], 25X1C postmarked 1 April 1950, examined by Censorship Office [redacted], mailed by a soldier of [redacted], presumably also [redacted] stationed in Germany since the envelope only bears the stamp of an army post office. A German employee said that the barracks were occupied to capacity by recruits, with 20 to 30 men in each room. Some of the wall partitions were removed to increase the capacity of the rooms (2).
6. Guards wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles were seen in the camp at the athletic field. A new radio antenna with a five-meter mast held by eight guy-wires was seen in the camp area. The antenna had two cross bars 2.5 meters long with eight rods on the upper and nine rods on the lower cross bar.

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Between the cross bars, another cross bar was attached to the mast, between two grids each one meter square. An unnumbered truck with a box-like superstructure was parked about three meters from the antenna, and another truck of the same type with a rod antenna was parked about 50 meters N of the antenna. A third [redacted] with a 10-meter rod antenna and a chimney was parked in the camp along the fence on the main street. A heavy wire ran from this truck to a camp building. (4).

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7. Eight T-34 tanks, five BA-64 armored scout cars, five armored passenger cars, two armored personnel carriers, four trucks (each occupied by 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets), three 57-mm AT guns, and 50 motorcycles with two men each were detained at the freight station on 25 April 1950. A lieutenant colonel, about 20 other officers and 400 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed with the vehicles. With the exception of 25 motorcycles which moved to the Artillerie Kaserne, all vehicles moved to the easternmost building in the Schuetzen Kaserne. The trucks towing AT guns had the [redacted]

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three out of the six trucks hauling several loads of baggage and furniture, had the following numbers:

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- 25X1C 9. three tanks, four armored scout cars, twenty motorcycles, eight armored personnel carriers, truck [REDACTED], five officers and 160 G.I. with red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the freight station between 10 a.m. and noon on 27 April 1950 and moved to the Artillerie Kaserne. The railroad tank cars were emptied by tank trucks [REDACTED] and 25X1C
- 25X1C [REDACTED] in the afternoon. The tank trucks made five trips each to the Artillerie Kaserne.

10. Twelve armored scout cars, 23 armored personnel carriers, fifteen of which were half-track vehicles, eight trucks, thirty-five motorcycles, eighteen officers, and 350 G.I. with red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the freight station between 5:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 28 April 1950 and moved to the Artillerie Kaserne. The trucks were subsequently seen hauling baggage between the station and the barracks [REDACTED] C

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- (1) 25X1A [REDACTED] comment. 25X1C [REDACTED] was assigned to the Eberswalde 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Recz Army which was confirmed there by another 25X1C source up to 27 March 1950. [REDACTED]
- 25X1C [REDACTED] from Eberswalde and verified by documents; it is possibly assigned to a component unit of the

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6th Gds Mecz Div. [REDACTED] was assigned to the Krompnitz 248th Gds RL Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div which was confirmed there up to 12 April 1950. [REDACTED] confirms the Eberswalde 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army up to 27 February 1950. [REDACTED] is not

25X1C known. [REDACTED] was assigned during the war to the 223rd Cav Regt of the 63rd Cav Div of the 7th Gds Cav Corps. The division was last identified in combat in Hungary in March 1945. The unit was possibly reassigned to another unit located in Osipovichi, Mogilev Oblast, Belorussian MD. 25X1C [REDACTED] was assigned to the Altenburg-Weimar 43rd (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army.

- (2) recruits presumably arrived in Eberswalde in February and March 1950, as was also observed in other military posts.
- (3) The Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army is located in the Erdelt Plant.
- (4) Fourth Gds Mecz Army installations are located in the camp at the Athletic Field, according to previous reports. The radio installation seen is, according to description and sketch, a Soviet design that was repeatedly seen at airfields, particularly at fighter airfields. With regard to range and use, it may correspond to the German Freya set. For sketch and layout of the installation see Annex 5.

- (5) The information on tank and motorized units detained in Eberswalde from 25 to 27 April 1950 supplements a previous report [REDACTED]

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1 Annex: Sketch of Soviet Radio Installation in Eberswalde

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